

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: February 11, 2025

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Wayne Bergman, Director of Planning, Zoning & Building

Cc: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager & James Murphy, Asst. Director of PZB

Re: Traffic Mitigation Strategies and Proposals – Update

Date: February 4, 2024

At last month's Town Council Regular meeting, the Council requested three items from the Town Attorney and PZB. They were:

1. A draft resolution to change the construction hours to either a later start and finish time or to a broader spread of possible working hours. Each option would allow for contractors to arrive earlier or later than the current work hours allow. Joanne O'Connor has drafted two resolutions for your consideration (both attached) – one with a broader spread of time, and one with fill in the blanks if something different is decided.
Staff placed calls to eight (8) local contractors to get their thoughts on these possible time changes. Their responses:
 - a. The Watermark 561-333-0327 (Greg Poirier) Spoke to Greg, and he said his company would be 100% on board. Currently they are staying at the job site until 6pm not working but just sitting there so they are not sitting in traffic. So, if they can work that extra hour that would benefit them.
 - b. Rogers General 561-475-5870 (John Rogers) Spoke to Dean. Dean is a superintendent on many Town jobs. He said in the mornings most guys are used to arriving early knowing they cannot begin until a certain time but to be able to work until 6pm would be wonderful. They are all in on that idea.
 - c. Mouw Associates 561-276-9640 (Richard Mouw) Yes, any additional hours we could work we would and would speed up construction.
 - d. The Cury Group 561-533-8888 (Edward Cury) Spoke to Jenny in office who spoke with Todd. They have no objections to this time change in fact they said there are many of their employees that would benefit from staying until 6pm.
 - e. Hedrick Brothers 561-689-8880 (Dale Hedrick) Dale Hedrick & Gene; both felt allowing flexibility is smart. Their challenges are always with demanding owners; having more traffic control at intersections helps.

- f. Dunworth Const 772-215-3438 (Roy Dunworth) Roy is 100% supportive of this proposal. Bottleneck effect now; great idea for Town in general; will allow different workers to leave at different times; homeowners want them to work longer hours to get projects completed.
 - g. Building 561-659-4024 (Timothy Benitz) Felt longer hours are good. Parking and transporting off/on the island are onerous. He's spoken with several other contractors who would like to meet to discuss, including Dan Swanson, Dale Hedrick, Tim Givens, Alex Wittman, Josh Pertnoy. They are fixated on the parking issues. Available anytime to further discuss or meet – 561-723-5499
 - h. Tim Givens 561-533-5828 (Tim Givens) Tim stated that he had proposed this. Some of the neighbors of his projects (Via Bellaria) have commented and asked why they start so late! He felt these hours should be flexible and optional, with the neighbor's consent. Must be voluntary and appealing to neighbors. Further extending hours could potentially result in some projects shifting to a 4-day work week.
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- 2. A draft ordinance to mandate the use of Construction Management Agreements (CMA) for any new building, building addition, or alteration with a project value of more than a set amount of money. Last month staff proposed \$500,000 as the baseline project value, but most Council Members felt that was too low. The proposal has been increased to \$750,000. The CMA would need to be executed by the contractor and owner before the building permit for the work would be issued. The draft ordinance and draft CMA are attached.
 - 3. A draft ordinance to limit the number of building permits based upon the area of the Town. Also, this possible ordinance needs to be reviewed to make sure that it would be legally defensible. Joanne O'Connor is working on this legal review currently.